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Argentina 1937-38 harvested acreage of grains reported as follows, with 1936-37 comparisons in parentheses: Wheat 15,254,000 acres (15,862,000), rye 510,000 (674,000), barley 1,131,000 (1,409,000), oats 1,777,000 acres (1,917,000). (International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.)

Switzerland final estimates of 1937 production placed as follows, with 1936 comparisons in parentheses: Wheat 6,173,000 bushels (4,468,000), rye 1,299,000 (1,077,000), barley 367,000 (322,000), potatoes 32,261,000 bushels (20,867,000). (International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.)

French Morocco 1937 acreage and production of specified crops reported as follows, with 1936 comparisons in parentheses: Wheat 3,027,000 acres (3,194,000), 20,907,000 bushels (12,234,000); barley 4,796,000 acres (4,104,000), 37,937,000 bushels (70,106,000); oats 105,000 acres (80,000), 2,687,000 bushels (1,328,000); corn 1,120,000 acres (1,124,000), 6,378,000 bushels (11,864,000); flax-seed 57,000 acres (43,000), 394,000 bushels (378,000). (International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.)

Chosen 1937 final cotton estimate with 1936 comparisons in parentheses: Acreage 540,000 (560,000), production 213,000 bales of 478 pounds (119,000). (International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.)

Sydney, Australia, wool sales opened April 7 with good competition. Chief buyers were from continental Europe, Japan, and Yorkshire. Compared with closing of preceding series on March 21, prices for best descriptions were 5 percent higher, other sorts par to 5 percent lower. (Agricultural Attaché C. C. Taylor, London.)

See article on United States foreign trade in agricultural products from July through February 1937-38, pages 209 to 220, inclusive.

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New spring wheat in Sweden expected to reduce imports

The development of a new type of spring wheat in Sweden, known as Diamant II, is expected to have an important effect upon the wheat supply in that country, reports United States Consul William W. Corcoran at Göteborg. It has been officially announced that, when this new variety of wheat is generally cultivated in place of the inferior types now grown in Sweden, imports of wheat may be expected to decline materially. Recent imports of wheat, averaging about 1,500,000 bushels a year, have been largely from the United States and Canada and have consisted almost entirely of superior grades used in the manufacture of high-quality flour. Present mixing regulations permit only 10 percent foreign wheat to be used in the milling of wheat flour.

Experiments for improving the quality of Swedish wheats have been in progress since 1923. As a result, the new wheat is said to be superior to other Swedish varieties as to yield, weight, baking quality, and strength of straw, with higher percentages, also, of protein and gluten. Large quantities are being distributed among the farmers for seeding purposes.

Drought damages crop prospects in French Morocco

Crop conditions for wheat and barley in French Morocco were considered excellent early in February, but persistent drought in certain regions has made prospects most uncertain, according to the United States consulate at Casablanca. It was estimated early in March that the 1938 wheat crop had already sustained a loss of 25 percent, while the deterioration of the barley crop was placed at 15 percent. Some apprehension was apparent among the farmers, but it was thought that fair returns could still be obtained if rain fell during March. The authorities, however, were considering measures for relieving the serious effects of a possible crop failure. The average wheat crop of Morocco amounts to around 22,000,000 bushels, the barley crop to about 55,000,000 bushels. Both crops were below average in 1937.

Indian flue-cured tobacco production increases

The 1937-38 crop of Indian flue-cured tobacco is estimated at 36 million pounds, or double that of the preceding year, according to a report from J. Barnard Gibbs, tobacco specialist of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics at Calcutta. The production of this type and its consumption in the United Kingdom have been increasing for several years. It is used to some extent by British manufacturers as a substitute for United States flue-cured and for flue-cured from other countries of the British Empire.

Commercial production of flue-cured tobacco began in India about 10 years ago and has expanded rapidly. Although this type has been

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introduced into about 12 widely separated areas, production is as yet largely confined to the Guntur District of Madras Presidency. In that district the area harvested this season was 70,000 acres compared with 50,000 last year. In Mysore State, the district of next importance, approximately 2,200 acres were harvested. Areas for harvest in the newer producing districts vary from a few acres to 300 acres. Seedlings for the flue-cured crop are transplanted during October and November and harvested during January and February.

Prices and potential expansion

Indian tobacco prices are normally low; but, despite the large crop, 1937-38 flue-cured prices have been the highest on record. It is expected that the seasonal average will be equal to about 14.6 cents per pound, compared with 12.5 cents in 1936-37 and 11.4 cents in 1935-36. Primarily, this price increase may be attributed to the strong demand for export to the United Kingdom, but the increasing domestic cigarette consumption is also an important factor. Moreover, the current crop is reported to be of better quality than usual.

Heretofore, Indian leaf has been the cheapest on the British market. Labor costs are low, permitting production to expand even at low leaf prices. This fact gives to Indian leaf a price advantage over other Empire tobaccos sold in the United Kingdom. The preferential duty rate of \$1.35 per pound affords an advantage over United States tobacco, on which British manufacturers pay a duty of about \$2.35 per pound (unstemmed leaf).

Agencies interested in the production of Indian flue-cured leaf are optimistic as to its future development. It is used principally to supply color and bulk in cigarette mixtures. Quantities up to 10 percent or more can be used in relatively high-grade cigarette blends. In low grades, where price rather than taste is the primary factor, the proportion can be greater.

There are extensive areas in India thought to be suitable for producing leaf comparable with the present crops, and it is generally believed that production will expand. Reports from the Guntur District indicate that farmers plan an increase in area for the 1938-39 crop. Production in Mysore State is under control of a semigovernmental organization, which reports that they expect to increase their 1938-39 area to 5,000 acres.

Cigarette consumption increased

A large part of the increased production of flue-cured tobacco will be needed for domestic use. Cigarette consumption has increased substantially during recent years, and it is expected to show further expansion. It is not improbable, however, that leaf production may increase faster than the domestic demand, leaving greater quantities to be absorbed by the export market.

Only a small part of the Indian light tobacco crop is flue-cured. Most of it is sun-cured and used in India in the manufacture of beedies (native cigarettes). Some of the light sun-cured is exported to the United Kingdom for the manufacture of pipe tobacco and some to Japan for cheap cigarettes.

Total tobacco production

India is one of the large tobacco producers of the world. No estimates are available as to total production for the past 2 years, but 1,458,000,000 pounds were produced in 1935-36. More than one-half of the total crop consists of coarse, dark, air-cured types, consumed almost entirely by the peasant classes.

INDIA: Area and production of tobacco, average 1931-32 to 1935-36, annual 1934-35 and 1935-36

Period	Flue-cured		Period	Total a/	
	Area	Production		Area	Production
	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
	acres	pounds		acres	pounds
Average 1931-32 to 1935-36...	b/	10,300	Average 1931-32 to 1933-34 ...	1,252	1,344,000
1936-37	50	18,000	1934-35	1,410	1,532,160
1937-38	72	36,000	1935-36	1,357	1,458,240

a/ Compiled from Area and Yield of Principal Crops in India, 1935-36.

b/ Not available.

Foreign raisin production smaller

The 1937 production of raisins in the Mediterranean Basin was considerably smaller than the crops in the 2 preceding years, according to N. I. Nielsen, Agricultural Attaché at Paris. The combined production of Spain, Turkey, and Greece is estimated at 86,000 short tons. The total production of the chief foreign raisin-producing countries (including Australia and Iran) is placed at about 177,000 tons for 1937 as compared with 215,000 tons in 1936 and 230,000 in 1935.

The principal cause of the smaller foreign raisin production in 1937 was the short Turkish crop. Unfavorable weather conditions reduced the Turkish crop to 48,000 tons in 1937, or about one-third compared with that of the preceding season. Stocks of raisins in Turkey on March 1, 1938, appeared to total about 18,260 tons, but stocks in Spain and Greece were very small.

Exports of raisins from Mediterranean Basin countries to March 1, 1938, amounted to about 52,500 tons, or 41 percent less than a year earlier. On the other hand, though prices have been low, the United States exported from August through February about 48,000 tons to Europe, or 50 percent more than in the same period in 1936.

UNITED STATES FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL TRADE, JULY - FEBRUARY 1937-38

The foreign trade of the United States in agricultural products for the first 8 months of the current fiscal year shows a complete reversal from that for the corresponding period of the preceding year. Our farm exports have risen while our farm imports, especially those which compete with domestic products, have declined. This is brought out in the following table:

UNITED STATES: Foreign agricultural trade, July-February, 1936-37 and 1937-38

Item	July-February		Percentage change
	1936-37	1937-38	
	Million dollars	Million dollars	Percent
Total agricultural exports	538	641	+19
Total agricultural imports	903	843	-7
Principal competitive	433	375	-15
Principal noncompetitive	412	411	a/

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. a/ Less than 0.5 percent decrease.

Agricultural exports were 103 million dollars greater during the current period than during that of last year. Agricultural imports were 66 million dollars smaller than last year; and only 1 million of the decrease was due to noncompetitive items, such as coffee and rubber.

As a result of much better grain crops in 1937 than in other recent years, the United States, during the first 8 months of the current fiscal year, exported more than it imported, whereas the reverse was true a year ago. Wheat and flour changed from a net import of 25 million bushels in 1936-37 to a net export of 60 million in 1937-38; corn from a net import of 39 million bushels to a net export of 1 million; rye from a net import of 4 million to a net export of 5 million; and barley from a net import of 7 million to a net export of 11 million bushels. This season's net exports of milled rice were nine times as great as those of last season.

GRAINS: Net foreign trade of the United States, 1936-37 and 1937-38

Commodity	Unit	Net import	Net export
		1936-37	1937-38
		Millions	Millions
Wheat, including flour	Bushel	25	60
Corn	Bushel	39	1
Rye	Bushel	4	5
Barley	Bushel	7	11
Rice, milled	Round	a/ 22	198

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. a/ Net export.

UNITED STATES FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL TRADE, JULY - FEBRUARY 1937-38, CONT'D

Lard exports in the 3 months ended February 23, 1938, were about double those of last season. Following the droughts of 1934 and 1936, imports of tallow were abnormally large, amounting to 117 million pounds in the July-February period of 1935-36. By 1937-38, imports for the 8 months had dropped to 1 million pounds.

After an almost continuous rise since the beginning of the present season, cotton exports declined in February. Exports for the season to the end of February, at 4,657,000 bales, represented a gain of 9 percent, or 387,000 bales, over comparable exports of last season.

In the July-February period of 1937-38, exports of leaf tobacco totaled 343 million pounds, or a gain of 16 percent over those of the same months last season. Flue-cured, which made up more than 90 percent of all leaf tobacco exported, accounted for most of the increase. Of the total export of flue-cured leaf, 72 percent went to the United Kingdom.

Foreign markets absorbed less United States grapefruit and oranges than in the first 8 months of 1936-37, but the movement of fresh apples and pears, dried prunes, and raisins was moderately larger than last season.

Only one-third as much dutiable wool was imported this season as last, the total amounting to 37 million pounds. The decrease was due primarily to lower wool consumption in the United States.

UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products,
July-February 1936-37 and 1937-38

Commodity exported	Unit	July-February a/			
		Quantity		Value	
		1936-37	1937-38	1936-37	1937-38
				1,000	1,000
		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS:					
Animals, live:					
Cattle	No.	3	3	200	268
Hogs	No.	b/	b/	7	10
Horses	No.	3	1	484	395
Mules, asses, and burros ..	No.	1	2	161	356
Dairy products:					
Butter	Lb.	572	456	193	175
Cheese -					
Processed cheese & spreads	Lb.	c/ 30	443	c/ 19	105
Other cheese	Lb.	d/ 649	371	d/ 159	91
Total cheese	Lb.	729	814	178	196
Milk -					
Fresh and sterilized	Gal.	44	43	36	33
Condensed	Lb.	1,195	6,094	140	742
Dried	Lb.	2,349	4,152	512	685
Evaporated	Lb.	14,867	15,658	1,120	1,132

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UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products,
July-February 1936-37 and 1937-38, cont'd

Commodity exported	Unit	July-February a/			
		Quantity		Value	
		1936-37	1937-38	1936-37	1937-38
ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS, CONT'D:				1,000	1,000
Dairy products, cont'd:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Infants' foods, malted, etc. .	Lb.	1,820	2,405	546	719
Eggs, in the shell.....	Doz.	1,101	1,668	340	456
Meats and meat products:					
Beef and veal-					
Fresh or frozen.....	Lb.	2,528	2,610	414	464
Pickled or cured	Lb.	5,802	3,752	473	390
Canned beef, incl. corned ..	Lb.	1,712	1,550	517	548
Total beef and veal.....	Lb.	10,042	7,912	1,404	1,402
Pork-					
Fresh	Lb.	2,512	4,514	425	718
Bacon	Lb.	2,805	3,106	495	515
Hams and shoulders.....	Lb.	24,903	27,010	5,326	5,596
Sides, Cumber. & Wiltshire..	Lb.	286	37	44	7
Pickled or salted	Lb.	6,747	6,623	770	849
Canned	Lb.	5,693	4,798	1,937	1,777
Total pork.....	Lb.	42,946	46,088	8,997	9,462
Mutton and lamb	Lb.	336	343	60	64
Poultry and game, fresh	Lb.	909	1,044	204	267
Sausage-					
Canned	Lb.	923	724	249	220
Other sausage.....	Lb.	791	830	167	191
Other meats-					
Fresh, frozen, or cured	Lb.	13,697	10,846	1,790	1,316
Canned, incl. canned					
poultry.....	Lb.	1,566	1,205	259	175
Total meats	Lb.	71,210	68,992	13,130	15,097
Meat extracts & bouillon cubes	Lb.	49	39	89	73
Sausage casings	Lb.	17,426	15,953	3,528	3,704
Oils and fats, animal:					
Lard, including neutral.....	Lb.	64,595	121,026	7,998	12,892
Cleo oil	Lb.	5,202	4,031	529	491
Cleo stock	Lb.	2,434	1,790	240	212
Stearins and fatty acids	Lb.	1,632	847	137	81
Tallow	Lb.	984	907	68	75
Other animal oils and fats....	Lb.	5,186	3,166	409	294
Total oils and fats.....	Lb.	80,033	131,767	9,381	14,045
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS:					
Cotton, unmf'd: (Bales of 500 lb.)					
Raw, except linters	Bale	4,270	4,657	273,267	243,526
Linters.....	Bale	214	253	5,206	5,055

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UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products,
July-February 1936-37 and 1937-38, cont'd

Commodity exported	Unit	July-February a/			
		Quantity		Value	
		1936-37	1937-38	1936-37	1937-38
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONTINUED:				1,000	1,000
Fruits:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Apples-					
Fresh.....	Bskt.	184	468	350	810
Fresh.....	Box	4,387	5,472	6,734	7,010
Fresh.....	Bbl.	415	759	1,732	3,030
Dried.....	Lb.	18,258	19,087	1,703	1,564
Apricots, dried.....	Lb.	25,604	22,980	3,214	2,530
Grapefruit	Box	434	376	949	810
Oranges	Box	1,274	1,706	5,870	4,385
Pears, fresh	Lb.	128,951	130,874	4,766	4,879
Prunes, dried	Lb.	121,237	151,253	6,433	6,701
Raisins	Lb.	86,325	114,538	4,649	6,319
Fruits, canned.....	Lb.	202,000	188,541	15,014	15,004
Nuts:					
Pecans	Lb.	1,367	2,386	262	352
Walnuts	Lb.	11,684	9,835	1,165	989
Grains, flour, and meal:					
Barley, grain (48 lb.)	Bu.	3,947	12,139	2,916	8,667
Buckwheat, grain (48 lb.).....	Bu.	1	370	1	274
Corn, incl. corn meal (56 lb.)	Bu.	421	35,388	506	25,294
Malt (34 lb.).....	Bu.	41	116	65	205
Oats, including oatmeal (32 lb.)	Bu.	598	8,138	988	3,591
Rice-					
Paddy or rough	Lb.	4,478	13,887	94	372
Milled, incl. brown.....	Lb.	32,094	202,628	1,029	6,267
Screenings, broken, flour, etc.	Lb.	83	273	2	9
Rye, grain (56 lb.).....	Bu.	1	4,788	2	4,135
Wheat flour- (196 lb.):					
Wholly from U.S. wheat.....	Bbl.	798	2,115	3,838	10,722
Other wheat flour.....	Bbl.	1,801	1,125	9,396	7,032
Total wheat flour.....	Bbl.	2,599	3,240	13,234	17,754
Wheat, grain (60 lb.).....	Bu.	1,804	48,205	1,783	52,723
Wheat, including flour.....	Bu.	14,019	63,433	15,017	70,477
Cottonseed cake and meal.....	L. ton	4	68	119	1,907
Linseed cake and meal.....	L. ton	131	193	3,991	6,040
Oils, vegetable:					
Coconut oil-					
Edible	Lb.	1,469	1,363	99	94
Inedible.....	Lb.	5,036	4,816	258	257
Cottonseed oil-					
Crude.....	Lb.	108	2,495	13	161
Refined	Lb.	1,411	4,467	174	340
Corn oil	Lb.	405	183	36	21
Linseed oil	Lb.	756	511	76	58

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UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products,
July-February 1936-37 and 1937-38, cont'd

Commodity exported	Unit	July-February a/			
		Quantity		Value	
		1936-37	1937-38	1936-37	1937-38
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONTINUED:				1,000	1,000
Oils, vegetable, cont'd:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Soybean oil	Lb.	2,473	3,029	179	283
Vegetable soap stock	Lb.	12,454	7,026	676	494
Soybeans	Lb.	c/ 10	78,743	b/c/	1,491
Sugar (2,000 lb.)	Ton	49	38	2,047	1,780
Tobacco leaf:					
Bright flue-cured	Lb.	252,957	300,058	101,562	117,702
Burley	Lb.	6,659	6,780	1,425	1,659
Dark-fired Ky. & Tennessee ...	Lb.	17,662	19,947	2,458	3,239
Dark Virginia	Lb.	6,301	5,957	1,543	1,557
Maryland and Ohio export	Lb.	3,089	2,700	661	795
Green River (Pryor)	Lb.	1,943	1,304	237	370
One Sucker leaf	Lb.	507	157	49	13
Black fat, water baler, & dk. Af.	Lb.	6,705	5,227	1,196	1,030
Cigar leaf	Lb.	343	647	203	407
Perique	Lb.	74	34	24	16
Total leaf tobacco	Lb.	296,220	342,811	109,358	126,788
Tobacco, other than leaf:					
Trimnings and scrap	Lb.	c/ 474	516	c/ 12	18
Stems	Lb.	e/ 16,320	7,786	e/ 549	142
Total other than leaf	Lb.	16,794	8,302	561	160
Vegetables:					
Beans, green	Lb.	2,380	1,875	115	124
Beans, dried	Lb.	2,672	5,542	131	226
Onions	Lb.	31,901	32,332	494	677
Peas, green	Lb.	728	723	41	48
Peas, dried	Lb.	5,128	6,570	172	203
Peppers	Lb.	261	278	14	18
Potatoes, white	Lb.	59,073	94,472	1,088	1,082
Tomatoes, fresh	Lb.	6,164	7,300	239	271
Vegetables, canned	Lb.	25,552	33,733	2,531	3,016
Misc. vegetable products:					
Cornstarch and corn flour	Lb.	21,613	70,080	776	1,812
Glucose	Lb.	16,353	24,535	506	729
Hops	Lb.	2,128	4,598	856	790
Drugs, herbs, roots, etc.	Lb.	3,459	3,815	1,502	1,070
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PROD:				508,031	608,281
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS				537,648	641,243
TOTAL EXPORTS, ALL COMMODITIES..				1,732,249	2,333,521

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
a/ Corrected to April 1, 1938. b/ Less than 500. c/ Two months (January-February). Not separately classified prior to January 1, 1937. d/ Includes "Processed cheese" prior to January 1, 1937. e/ Includes "Trimnings and scrap" prior to January 1, 1937.

UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products,
July-February 1936-37 and 1937-38

Commodity imported	Unit	July-February a/			
		Quantity		Value	
		1936-37	1937-38	1936-37	1937-38
		Thousands	Thousands	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
<u>COMPETITIVE</u>					
<u>ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS:</u>					
<u>Animals, live:</u>					
Cattle-					
Dutiable (by weight)-					
Less than 175 pounds each..	No.	33	31	485	518
175 pounds and less than					
700 pounds each	No.	100	110	1,362	1,829
700 pounds or more, each-					
Cows for dairy purposes..	No.	5	5	255	309
Other cattle	No.	74	86	3,410	5,335
Total cattle (dutiable)	No.	212	232	5,512	7,991
Free (for breeding)	No.	8	7	688	678
Hogs (except for breeding)	Lb.	14,885	5,551	1,233	529
Horses	No.	8	5	1,242	959
<u>Dairy products:</u>					
Butter	Lb.	10,499	2,032	2,223	505
Casein	Lb.	9,298	892	881	92
Cheese-					
Swiss	Lb.	6,244	8,652	1,711	2,060
Cheddar	Lb.	7,959	2,101	1,121	332
Other cheese	Lb.	31,012	26,555	6,480	5,658
Total cheese	Lb.	45,215	37,308	9,312	8,050
Cream	Gal.	48	84	71	126
Milk-					
Condensed and evaporated	Lb.	1,643	901	75	44
Dried and malted	Lb.	12,007	217	644	26
Whole, skimmed and buttermilk.	Gal.	36	13	8	3
<u>Eggs and egg products:</u>					
Eggs, in the shell	Doz.	422	189	70	40
Egg albumen, dried	Lb.	1,883	1,604	731	600
Yolks, dried	Lb.	3,550	2,800	507	547
Other egg products	Lb.	1,417	1,042	232	190
Hides and skins, agricultural b/	Lb.	194,665	148,252	35,603	33,507
<u>Meats and meat products:</u>					
Beef and veal-					
Fresh	Lb.	2,379	3,242	207	336
Pickled or cured	Lb.	1,368	1,181	109	106
Canned, incl. corned	Lb.	42,065	51,870	3,934	5,455
Mutton and lamb, fresh	Lb.	119	31	17	5
Pork-					
Fresh	Lb.	10,717	11,718	1,441	1,843
Hams, shoulders, and bacon ..	Lb.	23,071	27,453	6,259	7,580
Pickled, salted, and other ..	Lb.	2,051	4,445	506	1,183

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products,
July-February 1936-37 and 1937-38, cont'd

Commodity imported	Unit	July-February a/			
		Quantity		Value	
		1936-37	1937-38	1936-37	1937-38
<u>COMPETITIVE, CONT'D</u>				1,000	1,000
<u>ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS, CONT'D</u>		<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>dollars</u>	<u>dollars</u>
<u>Meats and meat products, cont'd:</u>					
Poultry and game	Lb.	1,125	1,143	315	345
Other meats-					
Fresh	Lb.	273	656	51	111
Canned, prepared, or preserved	Lb.	96	125	22	35
Total meats	Lb.	35,269	101,367	12,870	13,939
Sausage casings	Lb.	10,379	9,917	5,554	5,687
Tallow	Lb.	45,133	1,177	2,132	58
Wool, unmf'd., excluding free in bond	Lb.	107,666	36,595	30,322	11,747
<u>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS:</u>					
Coffee imported into Puerto Rico.	Lb.	0	0	0	0
<u>Cotton, unmf'd: (478 lb. bale)</u>					
Raw, except linters	Bale	120	83	7,947	5,657
Linters	Bale	40	11	842	194
<u>Feeds and feeders:</u>					
Beet pulp, dried (2,240 lb.) ..	Ton	44	12	1,160	295
Bran, shorts, etc.- (2,000 lb.)					
Of direct importation	Ton	222	22	5,097	497
Withdrawn bonded mills	Ton	91	45	2,019	1,112
Total bran, shorts, etc. ..	Ton	313	67	7,116	1,609
Hay (2,000 lb.)	Ton	115	19	861	144
Oil cake and oil-cake meal-					
Cocunut	Lb.	72,712	76,201	694	1,072
Cottonseed	Lb.	33,255	8,223	344	85
Linseed	Lb.	31,690	6,556	364	90
Soybean	Lb.	48,823	33,648	654	483
All other	Lb.	11,826	19,846	131	234
Total oil cake and meal ...	Lb.	192,366	144,476	2,187	1,964
<u>Fruits:</u>					
Berries, natural state	Lb.	6,003	5,895	400	387
Currants	Lb.	5,638	4,663	311	271
Dates	Lb.	49,022	46,531	1,794	1,679
Figs	Lb.	6,110	5,762	413	337
Grapes	Ga.ft.	32	25	60	52
Lemons	Lb.	863	4,543	27	141
Limes	Lb.	6,458	5,461	172	133
Pineapples-					
Fresh		c/	c/	201	159
Prepared or preserved-					
Product of the Philippine Is	Lb.	10,535	19,222	456	936
Other prepared or preserved	Lb.	8,690	13,309	411	702

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products,
July-February 1936-37 and 1937-38, cont'd

Commodity imported	Unit	July-February a/			
		Quantity		Value	
		1936-37	1937-38	1936-37	1937-38
		Thousands	Thousands	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
<u>COMPETITIVE, CONT'D.</u>					
<u>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONT'D:</u>					
<u>Fruits, cont'd:</u>					
Raisins	Lb.	540	459	44	53
Olives in brine-					
Green or ripe (not pitted)....	Gal.	1,309	1,716	1,010	1,111
Pitted or stuffed	Gal.	2,050	1,455	1,589	1,462
Total olives in brine	Gal.	3,359	3,171	2,599	2,573
<u>Grains and grain products:</u>					
Barley, grain (48 lb.)	Bu.	10,172	1,165	8,839	1,003
Barley malt	Lb.	244,484	139,467	6,289	4,413
Corn, grain (56 lb.)	Bu.	39,372	34,251	21,086	24,810
Oats, grain (32 lb.)	Bu.	120	11	48	8
Rice-					
Uncleaned	Lb.	9,769	5,279	289	167
Cleaned or milled	Lb.	10,068	4,897	279	149
Patna	Lb.	1,148	593	39	18
Meal, flour, and broken	Lb.	83,987	72,042	1,446	1,376
Rye, grain (56 lb.)	Bu.	3,885	d/	2,495	d/
Wheat, grain- (60 lb. bu.)					
Dutiable at 42 cents per bu. .	Bu.	25,788	597	25,975	746
Dutiable at 10% ad valorem e/	Bu.	3,919	4	3,178	4
Milled in bond for export-					
To Cuba	Bu.	2,554	1,129	2,574	1,417
To other countries	Bu.	6,334	1,543	6,233	1,858
Total wheat grain	Bu.	38,895	3,273	37,960	4,025
Wheat flour (196 lb.)	Bbl.	39	20	184	103
Wheat, including flour	Bu.	39,075	3,336	38,144	4,128
Hops	Lb.	8,668	6,732	2,671	1,900
Nuts and preparations		c/	c/	13,492	12,665
<u>Oils, vegetable:</u>					
Coconut oil	Lb.	210,021	227,407	8,973	11,987
Corn oil	Lb.	19,467	15,725	1,382	929
Cottonseed oil	Lb.	79,495	39,213	4,501	2,443
Linseed oil	Lb.	238	175	13	11
Olive oil, edible	Lb.	37,904	31,104	5,013	5,292
Olive oil, inedible	Lb.	30,630	9,084	2,426	956
Palmkernel oil	Lb.	24,307	53,047	1,264	3,957
Palm oil	Lb.	226,656	273,094	7,472	11,221
Peanut oil	Lb.	11,767	12,925	688	1,331
Perilla oil	Lb.	37,073	30,626	2,327	1,708
Rapeseed oil	Gal.	3,208	902	1,515	399
Soybean oil	Lb.	3,383	9,230	158	550
Sunflower seed oil	Lb.	11,652	10	740	1
Tung oil	Lb.	75,783	91,670	10,147	11,103

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products,
July-February 1936-37 and 1937-38, cont'd

Commodity imported	Unit	July-February a/			
		Quantity		Value	
		1936-37	1937-38	1936-37	1937-38
COMPETITIVE, CONT'D				1,000	1,000
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONT'D:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Oilseeds:					
Castor beans	Lb.	99,597	107,730	2,318	2,569
Copra	Lb.	278,621	414,214	7,136	11,609
Flaxseed (56 lb.)	Bu.	15,408	15,734	16,998	18,317
Palm nuts and kernels	Lb.	37,029	49,436	792	1,455
Sesame seed	Lb.	15,498	3,009	527	134
Soybeans	Lb.	283	111	8	3
Seeds, except oilseeds		c/	c/	6,319	5,060
Sugar and molasses:					
Sugar (2,000 lb.)	Ton	1,452	1,707	80,121	82,542
Molasses-					
From Philippine Islands	Gal.	0	0	0	0
Unfit for human consumption .	Gal.	171,391	149,604	8,252	8,021
Other molasses	Gal.	12,309	4,236	1,455	669
Total molasses	Gal.	183,700	153,890	9,707	8,750
Tobacco, unmanufactured:					
Leaf	Lb.	40,397	37,811	20,379	19,495
Product of the Philippine Is. .	Lb.	1,380	3,799	124	402
Stems, not cut	Lb.	1,360	2,077	50	74
Tobacco scrap	Lb.	1,486	1,755	431	515
Vegetables:					
Beans-					
Dried	Lb.	28,317	12,155	862	491
Green or unripe	Lb.	4,058	5,336	112	149
Chickpeas or garbanzos, dried .	Lb.	8,214	6,857	323	273
Garlic	Lb.	1,962	548	86	13
Onions	Lb.	2,213	1,129	55	25
Peas, except cowp's & chickp's-					
Dried	Lb.	909	2,407	53	92
Green	Lb.	3,756	2,394	187	116
Potatoes, white	Lb.	42,194	13,929	793	211
Tapioca, crude, flour, and prep.	Lb.	241,499	246,598	4,438	4,811
Tomatoes, fresh	Lb.	46,222	51,823	948	1,116
Turnips	Lb.	110,018	97,124	763	675
Vegetables, canned	Lb.	48,185	38,594	1,929	1,804
Fibers, vegetable: (2,240 lb.ton)					
Flax, unmanufactured	Ton	3	2	1,360	1,002
Hemp, unmanufactured	Ton	1	d/	230	69
Jute and jute butts, unmf'd. ...	Ton	45	68	3,536	5,565
Total principal competitive agricultural products				439,355	375,487

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products,
July-February 1936-37 and 1937-38, cont'd

Commodity imported	Unit	July-February a/			
		Quantity		Value	
		1936-37	1937-38	1936-37	1937-38
<u>NON-COMPETITIVE</u>				1,000	1,000
ANIMAL PRODUCTS:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Silk, raw	Lb.	47,451	33,495	79,829	59,955
Wool, unmanufactured, free in bond for manufacture	Lb.	116,933	59,581	23,575	17,162
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS:					
Bananas	Bunch	38,342	40,872	12,618	19,271
Coffee, except through the port of Puerto Rico	Lb.	1,172,044	1,069,291	95,008	88,090
Cocoa or cacao beans	Lb.	442,728	322,523	28,750	22,535
Tea	Lb.	61,852	61,170	12,490	13,588
Spices	Lb.	115,051	54,378	9,269	6,241
Drugs, herbs, roots, etc.		c/	c/	4,849	7,067
Fibers, vegetable: (2,240 lb.ton)					
Kupok	Ton	12	4	3,001	1,096
Manila	Ton	21	23	3,034	4,183
Sisal and henequen	Ton	80	38	9,175	10,108
Rubber, crude:					
Milk of, or latex	Lb.	30,528	32,599	5,001	6,071
Guayule	Lb.	2,513	5,441	298	673
Other crude rubber	Lb.	754,830	894,062	112,673	155,026
Total rubber, crude	Lb.	787,921	932,102	123,972	161,770
Total principal agricultural-					
Non-competitive products				411,570	411,066
Competitive products				439,355	375,487
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS				850,925	786,553
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS				907,668	842,585
TOTAL IMPORTS, ALL COMMODITIES ...				1,759,577	1,707,589

Compiled from official records of the Bureau and Domestic Commerce.

a/ Corrected to April 1, 1938.

b/ Excludes the weight of "other hides and skins" which are reported in pieces only.

c/ Reported in value only.

d/ Less than 500.

e/ Unfit for human consumption.

UNITED STATES: Exports (domestic) of specified agricultural products,
January-February 1937 and 1938, and February 1937 and 1938 a/

Commodity exported	Unit	January-February		February	
		1937	1938	1937	1938
		Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Bacon	Lb.	424	1,450	209	822
Hams and shoulders <u>b/</u>	Lb.	4,344	5,862	2,540	3,002
Lard, including neutral	Lb.	13,374	36,737	4,513	16,284
<u>Grains and preparations:</u>					
Barley (48 lb.)	Bu.	134	2,006	126	776
Corn (56 lb.)	Bu.	28	29,393	13	16,139
<u>Rice-</u>					
Paddy or rough	Lb.	3,321	5,634	2,224	3,369
Milled, incl. brown	Lb.	20,107	49,425	10,820	6,243
Flour, meal, etc.	Lb.	7	22	7	16
<u>Wheat-</u>					
Grain (60 lb.)	Bu.	72	17,275	33	6,754
Flour, wholly of United States wheat(196 lb.)	Bbl.	220	575	119	281
<u>Fruits:</u>					
<u>Fresh-</u>					
Apples <u>c/</u>	Bu.	1,627	2,832	715	1,269
Pears	Lb.	9,315	12,106	3,171	2,980
Oranges	Box	452	791	200	389
Grapefruit	Box	164	138	82	58
<u>Dried-</u>					
Apples	Lb.	5,076	2,100	3,734	744
Apricots	Lb.	4,078	2,570	3,061	1,145
Prunes	Lb.	34,736	39,564	25,844	18,554
Raisins	Lb.	22,966	18,209	17,705	9,265
Canned pears	Lb.	16,469	16,169	16,029	6,382
<u>Tobacco leaf:</u>					
Bright flue-cured	Lb.	44,750	66,795	17,937	28,390
Dark-fired Kentucky and Tennessee	Lb.	3,754	4,663	1,538	2,132
Other leaf	Lb.	6,173	7,056	3,170	3,898
Total leaf tobacco	Lb.	54,677	78,514	22,695	34,420
Cotton, excl. linters (Running bales)	Bale	1,025	1,046	436	399

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

a/ Corrected to April 1, 1938. b/ Includes Cumberland and Wiltshire sides.

c/ Includes baskets, boxes, and barrels in terms of bushels.

UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of specified agricultural products,
January-February 1937 and 1938, and February 1937 and 1938 a/

Commodity imported	Unit	January-February		February	
		1937	1938	1937	1938
		Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Animals, live:					
Cattle-					
Dutiable (by weight)-					
Less than 175 pounds each.	No.	11	8	7	4
175 pounds and less than					
700 pounds each	No.	36	25	18	15
700 pounds or more, each-					
Cows for dairy purposes	No.	1	1	b/	1
Other cattle	No.	45	12	18	4
Total cattle (dutiable)	No.	93	46	43	24
Free (for breeding)	No.	2	1	1	1
Hogs (except for breeding) ...	Lb.	3,981	16	1,400	11
Butter	Lb.	5,305	513	2,915	199
Cheese:					
Swiss	Lb.	1,795	1,992	841	1,108
Cheddar	Lb.	947	214	532	109
Other cheese	Lb.	6,977	4,649	3,324	2,449
Total cheese	Lb.	9,719	6,855	4,697	3,666
Egg products, excl. eggs in the shell	Lb.	1,857	605	844	221
Meats:					
Beef and veal, fresh	Lb.	781	308	293	97
Beef, canned, incl. corned ...	Lb.	4,684	6,524	3,511	3,450
Pork, fresh	Lb.	3,423	1,410	1,627	616
Hams, shoulders, and bacon ...	Lb.	7,961	4,939	4,133	2,416
Tallow	Lb.	918	121	421	0
Wool <u>c/</u>	Lb.	53,320	4,102	27,148	1,666
Grains:					
Corn (56 lb.)	Bu.	14,063	80	8,653	40
Oats (32 lb.)	Bu.	17	4	7	2
Rye (56 lb.)	Bu.	149	0	23	0
Wheat <u>d/</u> (60 lb.)	Bu.	3,532	4	1,666	b/
Barley malt	Lb.	64,812	22,625	30,136	9,255
Oilseeds:					
Copra	Lb.	101,732	105,359	83,931	54,496
Flaxseed (56 lb.)	Bu.	4,866	3,256	3,727	1,799
Oils, vegetable:					
Coconut	Lb.	60,818	59,412	21,466	26,448
Palm	Lb.	53,695	48,769	31,103	21,576
Perilla	Lb.	340	5,173	340	2,765
Tung	Lb.	24,275	12,783	20,048	5,949
Sugar, raw (2,000 lb.)	Ton	461	477	248	260
Molasses	Gal.	40,700	29,177	21,719	10,330

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
a/ Corrected to April 1, 1938. b/ Less than 500. c/ Excludes wool imported
free in bond for use in carpets, etc. d/ Includes only wheat full duty paid
and 10 percent ad valorem.

COTTON: Price per pound of representative raw cotton at Liverpool,
April 1, 1938, with comparisons

Growth	1938							
	February				March			April
	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	1
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
American -								
Middling.....	10.50	10.81	10.90	10.72	10.55	10.53	10.27	10.16
Low Middling.....	8.93	9.24	9.33	9.15	8.99	8.98	8.72	8.60
Egyptian (Fully Good Fair) -								
Sakellaridis.....	17.30	17.87	17.94	17.97	17.58	17.26	16.92	16.71
Uppers.....	12.97	13.47	13.36	13.06	12.64	12.61	12.40	12.31
Brazilian (Fair) -								
Ceara.....	9.67	9.97	10.06	9.89	9.72	9.70	9.44	9.33
Sao Paulo.....	10.50	10.81	10.90	10.72	10.45	10.42	10.16	10.05
East Indian -								
Broach (Fully Good).....	8.68	8.84	8.91	8.67	8.47	8.38	8.16	8.15
C.P. Oomra No. 1, Superfine	9.25	9.41	9.47	9.24	9.03	8.94	8.72	8.71
Sind (Fully Good).....	8.20	8.27	8.11	7.94	7.74	7.66	7.23	7.23
Peruvian (Good) -								
Tanguis.....	14.69	15.00	15.08	14.30	14.72	14.66	14.19	-

Converted at current exchange rates.

UNITED STATES: Exports of cotton to principal foreign markets,
annual 1935-36 and 1936-37, and the season
August - March 31, 1936-37 and 1937-38 a/
(Running bales)

Country to which exported	Year ended July 31		August 1 - March 31	
	1935-36	1936-37	1936-37	1937-38
	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales
United Kingdom.....	1,466	1,220	1,019	1,453
Continental Europe.....	2,936	2,537	2,035	2,539
Total Europe.....	4,402	3,807	3,102	4,012
Japan.....	1,543	1,592	1,294	161
Other countries.....	333	330	264	430
Total.....	6,283	5,779	4,660	4,903
Linters.....	243	259	184	200
Total excluding linters	6,040	5,520	4,476	4,703

Compiled from the Weekly Stock and Movement Report, New York Cotton Exchange.
a/ Includes linters.

**BUTTER: New Zealand grading, 1937-38 season to March 26,
with comparisons**

Date	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
<u>Week ended</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
August 1-December 25	159,292	162,339	162,315
January 1.....	10,416	12,208	9,520
8.....	9,688	11,592	10,136
15.....	9,520	9,184	9,408
22.....	9,738	11,872	8,848
29.....	9,296	9,632	8,020
Monthly total....	48,658	54,488	45,932
February 5.....	9,134	10,136	8,120
12.....	8,798	9,520	8,064
19.....	8,848	8,960	7,616
26.....	8,064	8,624	8,400
Monthly total....	34,844	37,240	32,200
March 5.....	7,784	8,064	7,672
12.....	7,952	8,002	7,952
19.....	7,336	7,672	7,000
26.....	6,440	6,328	6,496
Total to March 26...	272,306	284,133	269,567

Agricultural Attaché C. C. Taylor, London.

**BUTTER: Australian grading, 1937-38 season to March 12,
with comparisons**

Date	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
<u>Week ended</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
July 1-December 25..	115,419	81,431	100,360
January 1.....	8,575	4,842	7,054
8.....	7,943	6,962	7,820
15.....	6,433	6,238	6,760
22.....	6,816	6,303	6,518
29.....	7,258	6,359	6,164
Monthly total....	37,025	30,704	34,316
February 5.....	7,101	5,761	6,559
12.....	6,303	5,678	6,718
19.....	6,196	5,032	6,471
26.....	5,889	4,787	6,290
Monthly total....	25,489	21,258	26,038
March 5.....	4,601	5,398	5,799
12.....	4,027	4,995	5,304
Total to March 12...	186,561	143,786	171,817

Weekly Dairy Produce Notes, Imperial Economic Committee.

BUTTER: Prices per pound in New York, San Francisco, Copenhagen, and London, March 31, 1938, with comparisons

Market and description	Week ended		
	April 1, 1937	March 24, 1938	March 31, 1938
	Cents	Cents	Cents
New York, 92 score.....	35.0	30.5	29.8
San Francisco, 92 score.....	34.0	29.0	27.0
Copenhagen, official quotation	19.8	20.5	20.1
London:			
Danish.....	25.6	25.1	25.7
New Zealand.....	21.7	25.3	25.6
Dutch.....	21.5	25.2	24.8

Foreign prices converted at current rates of exchange.

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT: Price per 100 pounds in specified European markets, March 30, 1938, with comparisons

Market and item	Week ended		
	March 31, 1937	March 23, 1938	March 30, 1938
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Germany:			
Price of hogs, Berlin.....	16.79	17.23	17.23
Price of lard, tcs., Hamburg	14.04	13.71	10.47
United Kingdom: b/			
Prices at Liverpool, first quality -			
American green bellies.....	16.92	15.40	15.18
Danish Wiltshire sides.....	20.08	22.63	22.90
Canadian green sides.....	18.12	19.09	19.98
American short cut green			
hams.....	20.85	20.16	20.17
American refined lard.....	15.33	11.37	11.12

Liverpool quotations are on the basis of sales from importer to wholesaler.

a/ Converted at current rate of exchange.

b/ Week ended Friday.

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